

# ZERO'S

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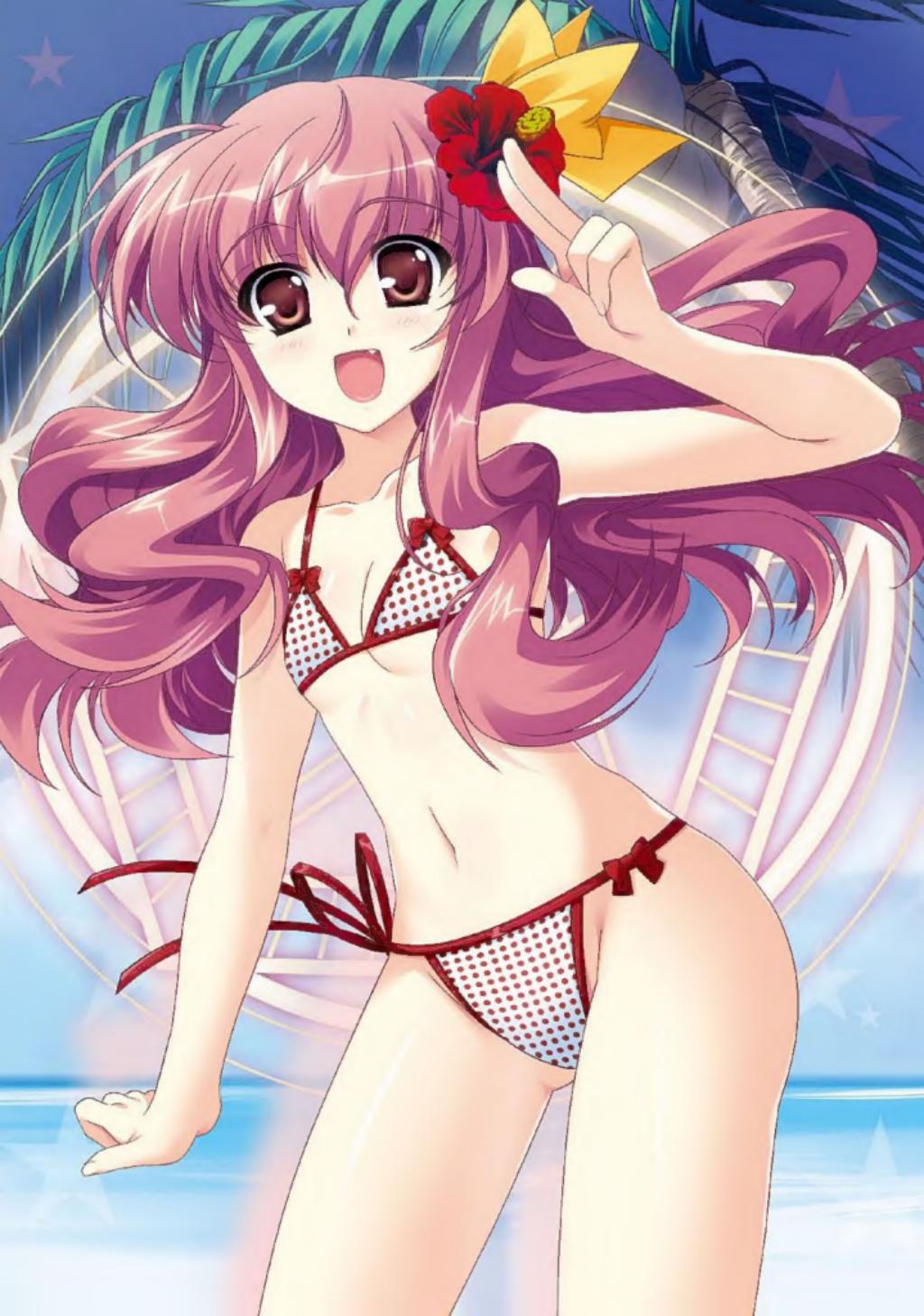
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# The Story Thus Far

SAITO HIGARA WAS SUMMONED TO A STRANGE WORLD CALLED HALKEGINIA BY A GIRL NAMED LOUISE, WHO'S VERY CUTE BUT HAS ZERO MAGICAL TALENT! DESPITE BEING SEEN AS A FAILED SUMMONING, SAITO SEALED HIS FATE WITH A KISS AND REMAINS IN LOUISE'S WORLD AS HER FAMILIAR.

AFTER LOUISE AWAKENED AS A LEGENDARY VOID MAGE AND SAITO ACQUIRED A ZERO FIGHTER PLANE, THE TWO OF THEM MANAGED TO REPEL THE RECONQUISTA--A SHADOWY ORGANIZATION WHO DECLARED WAR AGAINST TRISTAIN. THANKS TO QUEEN HENRIETTA'S QUICK THINKING, THE KINGDOM OF TRISTAIN MANAGED TO SMOKE OUT A HIGH-LEVEL TRAITOR. THE ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST ALBION HAS BEGIN!

FOR THEIR FIRST MAJOR MISSION IN THE ATTACK ON ALBION, LOUISE AND SAITO WERE JOINED BY A SQUAD OF DRAGON KNIGHTS. THE KNIGHTS SACRIFICED THEMSELVES TO DEFEND SAITO'S PLANE, AND NOW THE TWO OF THEM CONTINUE TOWARD DARDANELLES TO COMPLETE THEIR MISSION.

## Cast of Characters



A 17-YEAR-OLD COMMANDER WHO WORKS AS A MAGE AT THE MAGIC ACADEMY. SHE IS HIGHLY LOYAL AND SKILLED WITH BOTH SWORDS AND GUNS. NICKNAMED THE "MAGE KILLER."

Agnes



A 15-YEAR-OLD COMMOIDER WHO WORKS AS A MAGE AT THE MAGIC ACADEMY. SHE IS HIGHLY LOYAL AND SKILLED WITH BOTH SWORDS AND GUNS. NICKNAMED THE "MAGE KILLER."

Siesta



Louise

SAITO'S MASTERS, WHO WIELDS THE LEGENDARY ELEMENT KNOWN AS "VOID." PRIDEFUL DAUGHTER OF A POWERFUL NOBLE FAMILY ALSO KNOWN AS "LOUISE THE ZERO."



TRISTAIN'S MAGIC ACADEMY AND TEACHER AT THE MAGIC ACADEMY. HIS GENTLE NATURE HIDES A SECRET DARK PAST.

Colbert



PRINCESS AND LATER QUEEN OF THE KINGDOM OF TRISTAIN. SHE TOOK THE THRONE AT THE START OF THE WAR WITH ALBION. LOUISE'S ONLY FRIEND.

Henrietta

SAITO WAS SUMMONED BY LOUISE AS HER FAMILIAR AND LATER DISCOVERED THAT HE'S THE LEGENDARY FAMILIAR KNOWN AS "GANDALF," WHO CAN WIELD ANY WEAPON, FIGHTS WITH A MAGIC TALKING BLADE CALLED DEDFLINGER.



Saito Hiraga



WHAT A  
WASTE.

THEY'RE  
GIRLS,  
SIR.

AND THEY  
LOOK  
YOUNG...

JUST DON'T  
KILL THE  
NOBLE BRATS,  
CAPTAIN. WE  
CAN'T USE  
DEAD KIDS AS  
HOSTAGES.

THAT  
MEANS...  
EVERYONE  
ELSE IS  
DEAD  
MEAT.



Chapter 14: The Ruby of Atonement - Part IV













MY  
EMPLOYER  
ISN'T SO  
FOND OF  
HAVING  
ALBION'S SOIL  
TRAMPLED  
BY DIRTY  
FOREIGN  
FEET.

FOR MY  
FIRST DEMAND,  
I REQUIRE  
THE QUEEN  
TO WITHDRAW  
ALL OF HER  
SOLDIERS  
FROM ALBION.

HER  
MAJES-  
TY?

YOU  
HAVE  
FIVE  
MINUTES  
TO MAKE  
YOUR  
CHOICE!

WILL  
YOU CALL  
HENRIETTA  
HERE?!

OVER A  
DOZEN YOUNG  
DAUGHTERS  
OF NOBLE  
FAMILIES...  
IT COULD BE  
ENOUGH TO  
FORCE THE  
ARMY TO  
WITHDRAW.

I CAME HERE  
TO TRAIN  
THESE GIRLS,  
TO TEACH THEM  
TO FIGHT, AND  
YET... THIS IS  
MY FAULT!

UNDER-  
STAND,  
LITTLE  
KNIGHT?

MISS  
CAPTAIN!

RUSTLE

4 11  
IF I DON'T  
RECEIVE A  
RESPONSE IN  
FIVE MINUTES,  
I WILL KILL ONE  
HOSTAGE FOR  
EVERY MINUTE  
YOU'RE LATE.



THEY DON'T  
EVEN KNOW  
WE'RE  
OUT HERE,  
THOUGH.

AND I'D  
RATHER DO  
SOMETHING  
THAN WAIT  
AROUND  
DOING  
NOTHING,  
SIR.

YOUR  
OPPONENTS ARE  
PROFESSIONAL  
FIGHTERS—I  
HIGHLY DOUBT A  
TRICK LIKE THAT  
WILL WORK ON  
THEM!

SHH

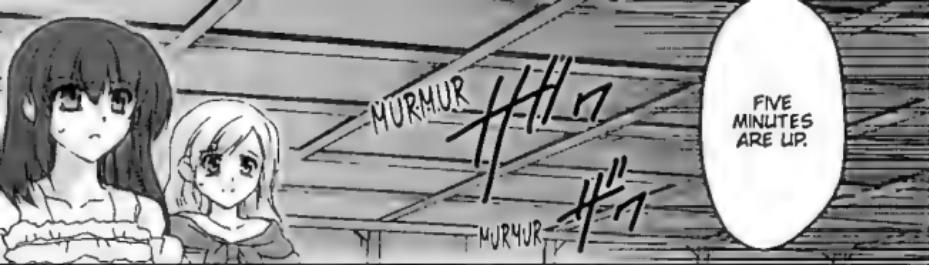
SO,  
ARE  
YOU  
IN?

TICK  
TOCK

MGR

LET'S  
DO IT.

CLENCH



POP

POP

POP

NOW!

DASH

I'LL GET  
EVERYONE  
OUT,  
WHILE--!

SO THE  
KIDNAPPERS  
WERE  
BLINDED AND  
IMMOBILIZED.

I HAD  
TABITHA  
USE HER  
WIND MAGIC  
TO SEND  
THE PAPER  
BALLOONS  
IN, AND I  
IGNITED  
THEM...

WOOOSH

FIRE  
MAGIC

IT WAS  
CRAFT AT THE  
GROUNDS  
AND THE  
IMPACT  
MADE A  
MASSIVE  
SHOCKWAVE.

FOOOOOOM!!





IS THAT...  
EVEN  
POSSIBLE?!









HE BURNED  
EVERYTHING  
TO THE  
GROUND--NO  
MERCY FOR  
WOMEN OR  
CHILDREN!

THIS MAN  
WAS CAPTAIN  
OF A. LET'S  
SEE A VERY  
SPECIALLY  
TAKEN  
SURVIVORS.



WHO STOLE  
THE LIGHT  
FROM MY  
EYES!

AND, HE'S  
ALSO THE  
MAN...



PASSION AND  
DESTRUCTION  
ARE THE MAIN  
CHARACTER  
ISTICS OF  
FIRE, SIR.



WOULD YOU  
PLEASE EXPLAIN  
TO ME THE  
CHARACTERISTICS  
OF THE FIRE LINE  
OF MAGIC?

MISS  
ZERBST, A  
QUESTION  
FOR YOU.



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FAMILIAR  
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Chapter 15: The Rub of *Pathemate* - Part 1







A SPINELESS,  
BRAINLESS  
FOOL.

S-SO...THE  
MAN I'VE BEEN  
CHASING FOR  
TWENTY YEARS  
IS ACTUALLY  
A GUTLESS  
COWARD?

I'LL  
ROAST  
YOU.  
SLOWLY.

GRIP

TURN

SO,  
THAT'S  
YOUR FINAL  
ANSWER?  
NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
I BEG?

I'M GOING  
TO START  
FROM YOUR  
FINGERTIPS  
AND SAVOR  
EVERY  
MOMENT...  
YOU'LL WISH  
YOU WERE  
NEVER  
BORN!



VOOSH

WHAT WAS THAT?  
YOU TRYING TO  
BRIGHTEN UP THE  
AREA OR  
SOMETHING?

LOOKS LIKE  
YOU FAILED,  
THOUGH! A  
FLAME THAT  
WEAK WON'T  
EVEN WORK  
AS A LIGHT  
SOURCE!!

FHOO

FLASH

110

100!

FHOOOM





THAT'S WHY IT  
WAS VITAL TO  
FIND A WIDE-  
OPEN SPACE  
TO CAST, SO  
I COULD BE  
SURE THAT  
I WOULDN'T  
ACCIDENTALLY  
HARM MY  
STUDENTS...

A LARGE  
FIRE WILL  
BURN UP ALL  
THE OXYGEN  
SURROUND-  
ING IT.

IN THE  
END, YOU  
DIDN'T EVEN  
MANAGE TO  
BECOME A  
SNAKE...

MAN-  
CRAFTING

PERIOD









I KNOW... I  
CAN NEVER BE  
FORGIVEN... I  
NEVER FORGOT...  
NOT FOR A  
MINUTE... I LEFT  
THE ARMY...

AND SWORE...  
I'D NEVER USE  
MY FLAMES...  
TO DESTROY...  
EVER AGAIN...

EVERYTHING  
MENVL  
SAID... WAS  
TRUE...

I BURNED  
THEM ALL...  
WOMEN...  
CHILDREN...  
INNOCENT  
PEOPLE...

I'M JUST  
LIKE  
MENVIL...

I'VE  
BEEN  
WAITING  
TWENTY  
YEARS  
TO MEET  
YOU...

COVER  
HHAH  
HHAH  
DO YOU  
THINK THAT  
MAKES UP  
FOR IT?! THE  
PEOPLE YOU  
MURDERED  
WILL NEVER  
COME BACK!





MR. COLBERT  
MAY HAVE  
BEEN YOUR  
ENEMY, BUT  
TODAY, HE'S  
ALSO OUR  
SAVIOR!

HE LOST  
HIS LIFE  
SAVING YOURS!

I'M NOT  
GOING TO  
TELL YOU  
TO FORGIVE  
HIM...

BUT  
SAY ONE  
PRAYER  
FOR  
HIM, AT  
LEAST!

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

HIGH...

HIII TMP

THUNK

SSSHHH

!!

YEAH,  
PLEASE.

IT'S A  
LETTER,  
FROM MR.  
COLBERT...  
SHOULD I  
READ IT TO  
YOU?



HEY, SAITO...  
THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
ELSE IN THIS  
INSTRUCTION  
MANUAL.

WHRR..

"NOW THEN,  
YOU'RE  
PROBABLY  
WONDERING  
WHY I'M  
WRITING YOU  
LIKE THIS. TO  
TELL YOU THE  
TRUTH, I NEED  
TO ASK FOR  
A FAVOR.

"DON'T  
WORRY,  
IT'S  
NOTHING  
TOO  
WEIRD!

"HELLO, SAITO!  
I HOPE MY  
INVENTIONS  
WERE USEFUL  
TO YOU! THAT  
WOULD BE  
WONDERFUL!

"YOU ARE SO—  
NO, NOT JUST  
YOU, BUT ALL  
THE STUDENTS  
THE ACADEMY—  
ARE TERRIBLY  
IMPORTANT TO  
ME, SO BEING  
ABLE TO HELP  
YOU MAKES  
ME INCREDIBLY  
HAPPY.

HE  
CALLS IT  
HAPPY?  
JEEZ...

"THAT  
IS MY  
DREAM.

"I KNOW IT'S NOT  
MUCH MORE THAN  
A TOY RIGHT NOW,  
BUT ONE DAY I'D  
LIKE TO TURN THIS  
TECHNOLOGY INTO  
A WONDERFUL ITEM  
FOR EVERYONE!

"A DREAM TO TURN  
THINGS THAT CAN  
NORMALLY ONLY  
BE ACCOMPLISHED  
THROUGH MAGIC  
INTO TECHNOLOGY  
THAT ANYONE CAN  
USE! YOU SAW HIM,  
RIGHT? MY HAPPY  
MISTER SNAKE?

"I'M ASKING  
YOU THIS  
BECAUSE  
I HAVE A  
DREAM.

"A LONG TIME AGO, I COMMITTED A TERRIBLE SIN."

"I WASN'T SURE WHETHER I SHOULD TELL YOU THIS, BUT NOW THAT I'M WRITING, I THINK I WANT TO."

"IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH I ACCOMPLISH, OR HOW MUCH GOOD I DO FOR OTHER PEOPLE... IT WILL NEVER MATCH THE BAD THINGS I'VE DONE."

"I'LL NEVER TRULY BE ABLE TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT I DID, NO MATTER WHAT I DO NOW."

"I'VE THROWN MYSELF INTO MY RESEARCH, THINKING THAT IT WOULD LET ME ATONE SOMEHOW... BUT LATELY, I CAN'T SHAKE THIS FEELING..."

"THE MOMENT YOU LOSE THAT, SOMETHING INSIDE YOU WILL BREAK."

"NEVER LET YOURSELF GET USED TO WAR, OR KILLING, OR DEATH."

"I DON'T WANT YOU TO BECOME LIKE ME."

"YOU MUST NEVER STOP FEELING PAIN IN THE FACE OF DEATH."

"BUT WHAT-EVER HAPPENS, YOU MUSTN'T GET USED TO IT."

"NOW, LISTEN. GOING FORWARD, YOU WILL FACE MANY TERRIBLE AND DISTURBING SITUATIONS. YOU'RE GOING TO WAR, AFTER ALL. PEOPLE AROUND YOU ARE GOING TO DIE."

"Drip Drip Drip"



YOU  
PROTECTED  
ALL OF  
US...UNTIL  
THE VERY  
END.

I'M SO, SO  
SORRY...FOR  
CALLING YOU  
A COWARD...



IN THAT WORLD,  
YOU HAVE GREAT  
METAL FLYING  
MACHINES THAT  
SAIL THE SKIES,  
AND MANY OTHER  
TECHNOLOGIES  
FLOURISH—THE  
LIKES OF WHICH  
HALKEGINIA HAS  
NEVER SEEN!

NOW, ABOUT  
THAT FAVOR.  
YOU MENTIONED  
ONCE THAT  
YOU COME  
FROM ANOTHER  
WORLD,  
CORRECT?



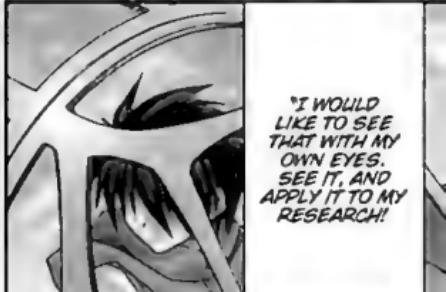
IS IT TRUE  
THAT IN  
YOUR WORLD,  
THERE ARE NO  
DISTINCTIONS  
BETWEEN  
NOBLES AND  
COMMONERS?  
AND EVERYONE  
CAN  
MANIPULATE  
THOSE  
"CARS" YOU  
MENTIONED?



IF YOU  
DON'T,  
WE'LL  
NEVER  
GET TO  
TAKE THAT  
JOURNEY!



SO,  
DON'T  
DIE.  
COME  
BACK  
TO THE  
ACADEMY  
IN ONE  
PIECE.



AND THAT IS  
WHY...WHEN YOU  
GO TO THE EAST,  
PLEASE TAKE ME  
WITH YOU. I'M NOT  
JOKING—THIS  
IS COMPLETELY  
SERIOUS.

I WOULD  
LIKE TO SEE  
THAT WITH MY  
OWN EYES.  
SEE IT, AND  
APPLY IT TO MY  
RESEARCH!!



"AND THAT PEOPLE  
FROM YOUR  
WORLD HAVE  
ACTUALLY LANDED  
ON ITS MOON?!  
IF ALL THAT IS  
TRUE, WHAT A  
WONDERFUL PLACE  
IT MUST BE! I  
WOULD LOVE TO  
SEE A WORLD LIKE  
THAT SOMEDAY."





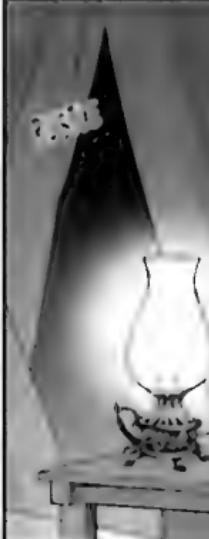


Chapter 16: The Rubu of Atonement - Part VI



BY USING THE VOID MAGIC SPELL ILLUSION, WE MANAGED TO DRAW THE ENEMY FORCES TO THE NORTHERN HARBOUR TOWN OF DARDANELLES INSTEAD, AND OUR 60,000 TROOPS BROKE THROUGH ALBION'S DEFENSES EASILY.

IT'S BEEN ALMOST A WEEK SINCE THE ALLIED FORCES OF TRISTAN AND GERMANIA CAPTURED THIS SMALL HARBOUR CITY IN ALBION.





BUT SAITO  
DIDN'T GROW  
UP HERE. THE  
SOLDIERS WHO  
DIED WERE  
CLOSE TO  
HIS AGE... HE  
PROBABLY SAW  
HIMSELF IN  
THEM.

THE THREAT  
OF WAR IS  
ALWAYS  
CLOSE  
IN THIS  
WORLD...

GRIP  
BUT...  
HOW?  
WHAT DO  
I DO?

STAND

I...  
I WANT TO  
COMFORT  
SAITO.

IT'S  
DIFFICULT  
WHEN IT  
HAPPENS  
RIGHT  
BEFORE  
YOUR EYES.

I GUESS  
IT'S  
INEVIT-  
ABLE.

EVEN  
THOUGH  
THEY DIED  
IN THE  
NAME OF  
DUTY...

CHEER  
UP.

YEAH.





BUT I  
HAVE TO GET  
SERIOUS!  
WE'RE IN THE  
MIDDLE OF A  
WAR!

OF COURSE  
I'M NOT  
SERIOUS!



DYING IN  
THE LINE OF  
DUTY. DYING  
FOR HONOR.

I...



SAITO...

HOW DO I  
COMFORT  
A BOY  
WHO'S THIS  
HURT...?

WHAT AM I  
SUPPOSED  
TO DO ABOUT  
THIS?!

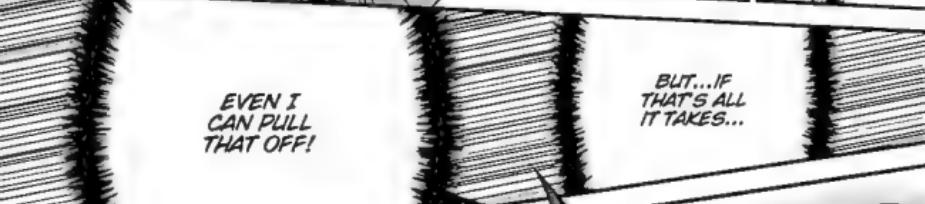


I CAN'T  
EVEN  
IMAGINE  
HOW IT  
MUST HAVE  
FELT...

I DIDN'T  
EVEN  
KNOW  
THEIR  
NAMES...



I'LL  
NEVER GET  
USED TO  
KILLING...!



I WANT  
TO MAKE  
HIM FEEL  
BETTER...

UNDER THIS  
MANTLE, I'M...  
NAKED.

MAYBE JUST  
HUGGING  
HIM ISN'T  
ENOUGH...?

I'M NOT EVEN  
WEARING  
UNDERWEAR...

BA-  
DMP

BA-  
DMP

BA-  
DMP

BA-  
DMP

X X X X X

X X X X X

FLUSTER!!

IF I LET  
HIM SEE ME  
NAKED, WE'LL  
HAVE TO GET  
MARRIED!  
THOSE ARE  
THE RULES!

NO, NO, NO,  
LOUISE!!

AM I EVER  
GOING  
TO GET  
MARRIED?  
TO WHO, MY  
FAMILIAR?!

THAT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE!  
HE'S A  
COMMONER  
FROM ANOTHER  
WORLD--IT'S  
RIDICULOUS!

IT WOULD BE  
VULGAR AND  
INAPPROPRIATE  
TO SHOW YOUR  
NAKED BODY  
TO SOMEONE  
YOU AREN'T  
MARRIED TO!

SSSH...

LUGH  
...

GRIP

AARGH,  
ENOUGH  
ALREADY!  
STOP  
BEING A  
MORON,  
LOUISE!!

DOES SAITO EVEN LOVE  
ME, ANYWAY? I MEAN, HE  
TOLD ME HE DOES, BUT I'M  
ALMOST POSITIVE HE ONLY  
SAID THAT BECAUSE HE  
WAS AFTER MY BODY.  
BUT...IS MY BODY EVEN  
THAT ATTRACTIVE?  
I HAVE NO IDEA!  
I DON'T KNOW,  
I DON'T  
KNOW...

FRET



WHAT  
IS THE  
MEANING  
OF  
THIS?!

FLAP

POW!!  
GRAB

WH-  
WHAT  
THE--?!



DISMIS-  
SED.

UNTIL THE  
REPLACEMENT  
DRAGONS  
ARRIVE, YOUR  
SQUAD WILL  
ACT AS LADY  
VALLIBRE'S  
PERSONAL  
GUARD.

DID THE  
ENEMY  
PATCH YOU  
UP, OR  
SOME-  
THING?

I  
THOUGHT  
YOU GUYS  
WERE  
DEAD....  
IT'S  
AMAZING  
THAT  
YOU'RE  
ALL  
OKAY!

PLEASE,  
TAKE  
GOOD  
CARE OF  
US.

LOOKS  
LIKE WE'LL  
BE SERVING  
UNDER YOUR  
COMMAND  
FOR A WHILE.

TO BE HONEST,  
NONE OF US  
CAN REMEMBER  
WHAT HAPPENED  
AFTER WE WERE  
SHOT DOWN.  
EVERYTHING  
UP UNTIL TODAY  
IS A BLANK.

AA  
AA  
AA



I LET THE DRAGON CHOOSE OUR FLIGHT PATH, AND SOMEHOW WE ENDED UP HERE IN ROSYTH.

WHEN I CAME TO, I WAS ON THE BACK OF A WIND DRAGON WITH MY SQUAD ALL AROUND ME.



BUT I'M JUST GLAD I GET TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

YES...

WOW,  
YOU LOST AN ENTIRE WEEK?



AND I'M SAITO HIRAGA.

I'M RENE FONCK, OF TRISTAIN'S DRAGON KNIGHTS.



I TOTALLY FORGOT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF WHEN WE FIRST MET. I GUESS IT BOthered me so much that I couldn't die without coming back!









I CAN'T HELP  
BUT FEEL AN  
UNBRIDGEABLE  
GAP BETWEEN  
US...









COMPARED TO THE STUDENTS AT THE MAGIC ACADEMY, THESE GUYS HAVE MUCH LOWER SOCIAL STATUS...



Chapter 10: Fairy





SO I'LL NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO RETURN ONCE MORE.



I STILL CAN'T TELL IF THIS WAS A DREAM OR SOMETHING REAL...



Y-YES,  
SIR!  
HERE  
IS MY  
REPORT,  
SIR!

WHAT IS IT?  
KEEP YOUR  
REPORT  
BRIEF AND TO  
THE POINT.

I TRIED  
TO MOVE,  
BUT I  
COULDN'T--  
MY BODY  
WOULDN'T  
RESPOND.

AND FOR  
A WHILE, I  
COULDN'T  
MOVE AT  
ALL--I  
JUST LAY  
ON THE  
GROUND.

AFTER  
FALLING  
OUT OF  
THE SKY,  
I WAS  
THROWN  
FROM MY  
DRAGON'S  
BACK...

RUSTLE

BUT  
THAT'S  
WHEN  
I SAW  
HER.

I WAS  
ABOUT  
TO LOSE  
CONSCIOUS-  
NESS, AND I  
REMEMBER  
THINKING,  
"THIS IS IT,  
I'M GOING  
TO DIE."



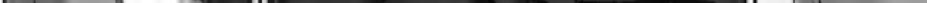
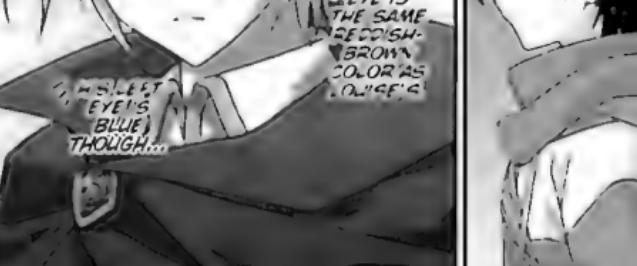
HER  
ENTIRE  
BODY  
SEEMED TO  
SPARKLE...

SPARKLE  
X/X  
SPARKLE

A...  
BEAUTIFUL  
WOMAN.

WITH  
LONG,  
GOLDEN-  
BLONDE  
HAIR...





HMM?  
AND YOU  
ARE...?

I'M JULIO  
CHESARE, A  
ROMALIAN  
PRIEST.

SMILE

YOU MUST  
BE MISS  
VALLIERE!

KISS!

THE  
RUMORS  
WERE  
TRUE--  
YOU'RE  
JUST AS  
BEAUTIFUL  
AS I  
EXPECTED!

GAH-HRRRG!



Y-YOU  
T-TERRIBLE  
MAN...



GAH  
G-GANNNGH



THIS  
IS WHY  
ROMA-  
LIANS  
ARE  
SUCH A  
FAIN...

SHOULD  
A PRIEST  
REALLY BE  
HITTING  
ON WOMEN  
LIKE THAT?



TURN

THE SOLE  
REASON  
FOR MY  
EXISTENCE...  
WAS TO  
MEET  
SOMEONE AS  
BEAUTIFUL  
AS YOU!



I CAME ALL  
THE WAY FROM  
ROMALIA AND  
RISKED MY LIFE  
IN THIS WAR,  
SO I COULD  
DISCOVER NEW  
FORMS OF  
BEAUTY...

PLEASE,  
FORGIVE  
ME!



WOOD...



STUPID  
LOUISE...  
"OH, YOU'RE  
A T-TERIBLE  
MAN," SHE  
SAYS...

GETTING ALL  
FLUSTRATED  
FROM ONE  
CHEESY  
COMPLIMENT.

HMPH.

I MEAN, I  
CONFESSED TO  
HER FOR REAL.  
I TOLD HER I  
LOVE HER...

Ah!

HANG  
ON...!

DIDN'T SHE  
CALL IT A  
"SIGN OF MY  
LOYALTY," OR  
SOMETHING?

NOW THAT  
I THINK  
ABOUT  
IT, EVEN  
THOUGH I  
MADE THAT  
BIG LOVE  
SPEECH TO  
HER...

LOYALTY.

NOT ROMANTIC AT ALL.

CONFESSED TO HER BUT NEVER GOT A RESPONSE.

DIDN'T RESPOND BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T FEEL THE SAME WAY BACK.

SHE DUMPED ME, AND I DIDN'T EVER REALIZE!



WHICH SEEKS  
MORE LIKE A DOG  
BEING GIVEN A  
TREAT NOW THAT  
I THINK ABOUT IT  
I JOINED THE WAR  
EFFORT AND I'M  
RISKING MY LIFE...  
AND SHE JUST  
GOES AND  
DUMPS ME!!

THAT  
DAY, SHE  
TOLD ME  
I COULD  
TOUCH  
ONE  
PLACE  
ON HER  
BODY...

SHOULDN'T SHE  
AT LEAST SAY  
SOMETHING LIKE  
"I LIKE YOU, TOO!  
LET'S START AS  
FRIENDS!" EVEN  
IF SHE WAS JUST  
LETTING ME DOWN  
GENTLY?

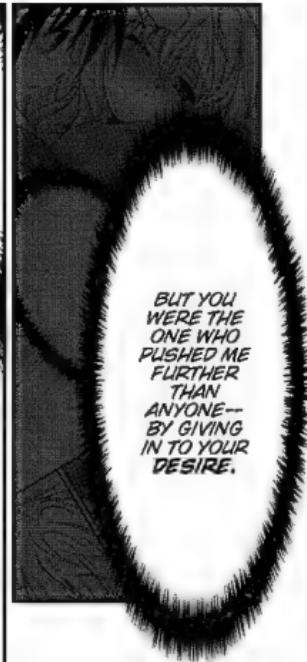
SO, ALL THIS  
TIME... I'D  
ALREADY  
BEEN... D-D-  
DUMPED?!











IF YOU  
TRULY  
LOVED  
ME, YOU  
WOULDN'T  
TREAT ME  
LIKE THIS!

"I LOVE  
YOU," YOU  
SAID! YOU  
LIAR!

I HATE  
LIARS.

I'LL  
NEVER  
FORGIVE  
YOU.

THAT MAID  
AND ALL THOSE  
OTHER GIRLS...  
YOU MAKE  
MOVES LIKE  
THAT ON EVERY  
GIRL YOU SEE,  
DON'T YOU?

I HATE  
YOU.



## Chapter 18: The Priest of Romalia









**ZERO'S**  
FAMILIAR  
*Chevalier*

WE NEED TO ADVANCE! WE ONLY HAVE PROVISIONS TO LAST FOUR MORE WEEKS!

SOUTH GOTHA IS THE FORMER ALBION CAPITAL, AND CURRENTLY A MAJOR TOURIST DESTINATION. IF WE TAKE IT, WE CAN USE IT AS A FOOTHOLD TO MOVE ON AND CAPTURE LONDINIUM.

AND NATURALLY SHOULD THE ENEMY THROW THEIR MAIN FORCE AT US, WE'LL HAVE OUR DECISIVE BATTLE THEN AND THERE.

WE BROUGHT OUR MEN HERE WITH THE PROMISE THAT THE WAR WOULD BE OVER BY THE FIFTEEN-COST OF OUR GREAT ANCESTOR BORIR. IF WE CAN'T KEEP THAT PROMISE, TROOP MORALE WILL FALL SEVERELY!

YES?

KNOCK  
KNOCK

LADY-IN-WAITING  
TO HER  
ROYAL  
MAJESTY,  
LA  
VALLERE.

IT'S  
ME...

OH,  
MISS  
ZERO!

N-NO,  
I'M NOT  
HERE TO  
ASK FOR  
A MEDAL.

YOUR  
SUCCESSFUL  
MISSION AT  
DARDANELLES  
WAS CERTAINLY  
WORTHY OF  
RECOGNITION.  
IN A RECOGNITION  
OF THE BRAVE  
FAMILY ON YOUR  
BEHALF.

PU-  
WHAT  
EINS  
V-  
HERE?  
OH, IS  
IT...

IT'S ABOUT  
THE DRAGON  
KNIGHTS WHO  
RETURNED FROM  
THE DEAD...  
THOUGH WE'RE  
OBVIOUSLY VERY  
HAPPY THEY'VE  
RETURNED,  
DON'T YOU THINK  
IT'S RATHER  
STRANGE?

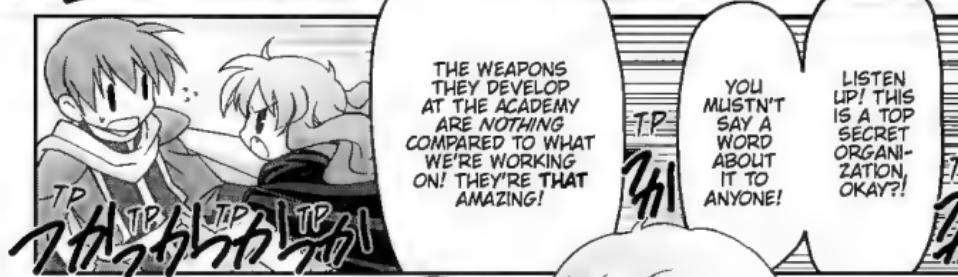
?



BUT, AS IT HAPPENS, THERE'S SOMETHING I WAS HOPING TO LOOK INTO. WILL YOU TAKE ON THIS TASK FOR ME?









WOOOO

WHAT THE  
HECK...?  
WHY'S SHE  
IN SUCH  
A ROTTEN  
MOOD??!

DASH

KRRRRR

HOLD  
ON!

I NEED  
YOU TO  
TAKE ME  
ON A  
FLIGHT.

MR.  
CHESARE...

CHOMP  
CHOMP

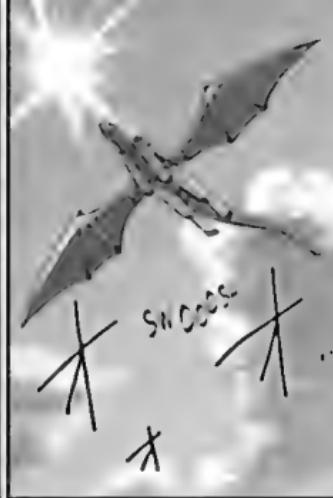














THEY WANT TO SEE  
JUST HOW USEFUL  
THE MAGIC WEAPON  
I POSSESS IS...

THEY  
PROBABLY  
INTEND TO  
THROW ME  
INTO A LONG  
CHAIN OF  
DANGEROUS  
TASKS...

X X X  
47-  
CLUTCH



THE  
HIGHER-  
LIPS ARE  
TESTING  
ME.



WHEN THEY  
LOOK AT ME,  
ALL THEY  
THINK IS  
"HOW CAN  
WE USE  
HER."

I'M NOT  
LOUISE  
FRANCOIS  
AT ALL...  
ONLY THE  
VOID.

SLOWLY  
BUT  
SURELY I'M  
BEGINNING  
TO UNDER-  
STAND...

EVEN IF  
MY POWER  
IS UNIQUE,  
LEGENDARY...  
IN THE ARMY,  
IN MY NATION,  
I'M JUST  
ANOTHER  
COG.

WOOOSH



SORRY!  
THE CITY  
OF SOUTH  
GOTHA,  
PLEASE!



UM... JUST  
OUT OF  
CURIOSITY,  
WHY DID YOU  
COME HERE?  
ROMALIA  
ISN'T EVEN  
TRISTAIN'S  
ALLY, AFTER  
ALL.



I DON'T  
THINK I  
COULD BRING  
MYSELF TO  
DESTROY A  
PLACE LIKE  
THAT.

I...DON'T  
REALLY  
UNDERSTAND  
THE POLITICS  
OF ALL OF  
THIS.

WOOO

AND DESPITE  
BEING RULED  
BY THE POPE,  
ROMALIA IS NO  
EXCEPTION.

WE'VE GOT  
A VOLUNTEER  
ARMY, MAKING IT  
HARD TO ALLY  
WITH ANYONE!  
REPUBLICANISM  
IS PRETTY  
MUCH A  
NIGHTMARE FOR  
ANY NATION.

OH MY  
GOSH!  
I WAS  
BEING  
SERIOUS,  
YOU  
KNOW!!

HOW EXACTLY  
DOES A GIRL  
LIKE YOU END  
UP CUTE AS A  
FAIRY, HMM?

THEN LET'S  
CHAT ABOUT  
SOMETHING  
MORE  
INTERESTING,  
SHALL WE?

OH, I  
WAS ONLY  
TEASING!

WE'RE  
ALMOST  
AT OUR  
DESTIN-  
ATION.

WOOOSH



AND  
ALTHOUGH  
I WAS  
IMRESSED  
WITH THE IDEA,  
IT MADE ME  
REALIZE THAT  
I'M ONLY A  
TOOL TO  
THEM.

IT NEVER  
OCCURRED TO  
ME TO USE THE  
VOID POWERS  
LIKE THAT...

YOU DIDN'T  
WANT TO  
RECKLESSLY  
DRAG HIM  
INTO A  
DANGEROUS  
SITUATION.

EVEN  
THOUGH  
YOU WERE  
ANGRY,  
AT LEAST  
PART OF  
YOU WAS  
THINKING  
VERY  
RATIONALLY.

I...  
I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT!

IT'S BECAUSE  
THIS MISSION  
IS TOO  
DANGEROUS  
FOR SOMEONE  
WHO ISN'T  
PROPERLY  
ARMED. NOT  
FOR YOU,  
BUT FOR MR.  
FAMILIAR.

SCRATCH  
SCRATCH

YOU DIDN'T  
JUST ASK  
ME TO DO  
THIS TO  
MAKE HIM  
JEALOUS...

QUICK  
MANEUVERS  
AREN'T MUCH  
USE FOR  
THIS MISSION,  
AND IT  
SEEMS THAT  
YOU SPENT  
WHATEVER  
SECRET  
WEAPONS  
IT HAD  
PREPARED.

I ALSO VISITED  
THE FLAGSHIP  
AND EXAMINED  
THAT FLYING  
MACHINE FOR  
MYSELF.

THE  
PLANE IS  
OUT OF  
AMMUNITION.

PLANE: TATSU (SIGN OF THE DRAGON)

YAN  
UNLIKE ALL  
THOSE SELF-  
OBSESSED  
GENERALS,  
I'M NOT  
OUT TO USE  
OR TRICK  
ANYONE!

BUT  
I'M ON  
YOUR  
SIDE!

YOU DO  
KNOW  
THAT  
CURIOSITY  
KILLED  
THE CAT,  
RIGHT?

FA-  
FLAP

WOOOSH  
SEEMS  
LIKE OUR  
TIME HERE  
IS ABOUT  
TO RUN  
OUT.

...



THE  
ENEMY IS  
HERE.

WOOOSH



TURN  
AROUND!



SAY,  
LOUISE...  
ARE YOU ANY  
GOOD AT  
HORSEBACK  
RIDING?

WOODS!

THEN...  
HOLD ON  
TIGHT!

Y-YES...  
I'M ALL  
RIGHT AT  
IT...

FROOOF

KREE!

FROOOSSH

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
THINKING,  
CHARGING  
LIKE THIS?!  
YOU CAN'T  
USE  
MAGIC!!

WAIT  
HOL  
ON

THEY  
JUST  
CAST A  
SPELL  
AT US!

NOOO...!

RR

RR

RR

RR

RR

DR

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

RATTLE

RATTLE

I'VE GOT  
TO BLOCK  
IT SOME-  
HOW--!

DON'T  
LET  
GO!

WOOOOOM

ALL  
RIGHT,  
AZZURRO--  
USE YOUR  
BREATH!  
NOW!

SWIPE

AMAZING  
....

WOOOSH

EVEN  
THOUGH  
HE CAN'T  
USE  
MAGIC...

WOOOSH

THE WAY HE  
COMMANDS  
HIS DRAGON  
MAKES UP  
FOR IT!





USE  
YOUR  
BREATH!





OTHER RIDERS TEND TO MAKE THEIR DRAGONS PERFORM A LOT OF UNNECESSARY MOVEMENT.



THERE AREN'T JUST NOBLES IN THE PRIESTHOOD... THEY LET COMMONERS IN TOO, WHICH MEANS ONLY SOME OF THEM CAN USE MAGIC.



**ZERO'S**  
FAMILIAR  
*Chevalier*

Chapter 10: The Secretary and the Emperor



THEY'VE  
OVERROWN US  
SLOWLY, IT  
WOULD BE  
SASIER TO  
ATTACK A  
COUNTERATTACK  
NOW.

THE  
DAMNED  
MAGICAL  
PERSON  
WILL FIND  
SOMEONE  
TO  
WAKE ME  
UP, SIR.



I HAVE FINISHED  
MY REPORT ABOUT  
THE "ILLUSION"  
THAT SUDDENLY  
APPEARED AROUND  
DARDANELLES AND  
ASSAILED OUR  
PATROL SHIPS FOR  
OVER THIRTEEN  
HOURS--AND THEN,  
JUST AS SUDDENLY,  
DISAPPEARED  
INTO THIN AIR.



I CAN'T BRING  
MYSELF TO  
SIMPLY DISMISS  
IT. OUR PETTY  
OFFICERS ARE  
GENUINELY  
AFRAID OF  
THE ILLUSION.  
AND NOT JUST  
BECAUSE OF  
THE ISSUE OF THAT  
MAGICAL LIGHT.



BUT...  
YOUR  
EXCEL-  
LENCE!  
THE  
EFFECT  
WAS  
QUITE  
GRAVE.



MISS  
SHEFFIELD,  
THIS IS OLD  
NEWS. THE  
INCIDENT WAS  
NOTHING MORE  
THAN AN  
UNDERHANDED  
TRICK--A MERE  
MIRAGE TO  
DISTRACT  
US.

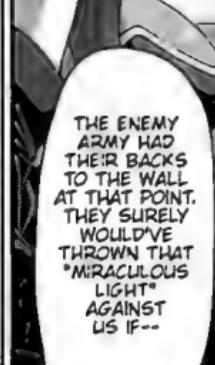
IF THEY  
HAD SUCH  
POWER,  
THEY WOULD  
HAVE USED  
IT BEFORE  
LANDING IN  
ALBION.

HE IS  
CORRECT, YOUR  
EXCELLENCE. I  
HAVE DETERMINED  
THAT THE  
ENEMY FLEET IS  
INCAPABLE OF  
UNLEASHING THE  
SORT OF LIGHT  
THAT ANNIHILATED  
OUR FLEET AT  
TARBES.





YOUR EXCELLENCY!  
THE GENERAL STAFF HEAD-  
QUARTERS PREDICTS  
THE ENEMY WILL MOVE  
TO CAPTURE  
THE CITY OF SOUTH  
GOTHA!



THE ENEMY ARMY HAD  
THEIR BACKS TO THE WALL  
AT THAT POINT.  
THEY SURELY  
WOULD'VE  
THROWN THAT  
"MIRACULOUS  
LIGHT"  
AGAINST  
US IF--

WHAT  
IF THEY  
WERE  
MERELY  
SAVING  
IT?



THE ENEMY'S  
RECONNAIS-  
SANCE HAS  
BECOME  
MORE ACTIVE  
IN THIS  
PARTICULAR  
AREA.



THEY  
PLAN TO  
USE IT AS A  
STRATEGIC  
BASE TO  
REPLENISH  
THEIR  
SUPPLIES.



WE NEED  
TO DEPLOY  
OUR MAIN  
FORCES FOR  
A COUNTER-  
ATTACK.

JUST THE  
OTHER DAY,  
OUR SOLDIERS  
ENGAGED  
ONE OF THEIR  
SURVEY  
UNITS.





RAISE

RR-AAAH

LET US  
CHEER  
FOR OUR  
BRAVE  
TROOPS!

HURRAY  
FOR THE  
HOLY ALBION  
REPUBLIC!

AYE!

HURRAY  
FOR THE  
HOLY  
ALBION  
REPUBLIC!

AYE!

AAAAAAAME

WE,  
GOD'S  
CHOSSEN  
PEOPLE  
OF  
ALBION,  
WILL  
LEAD  
HALKE-  
GINIA!!

I  
PROMISE  
VICTO-  
RY!!

SAITO...  
YOU  
IDIOT!!

WAH!

















WE'LL  
SHOW  
THEM WE  
CAN DO  
ANYTHING  
WE PUT  
OUR MINDS  
TO!!





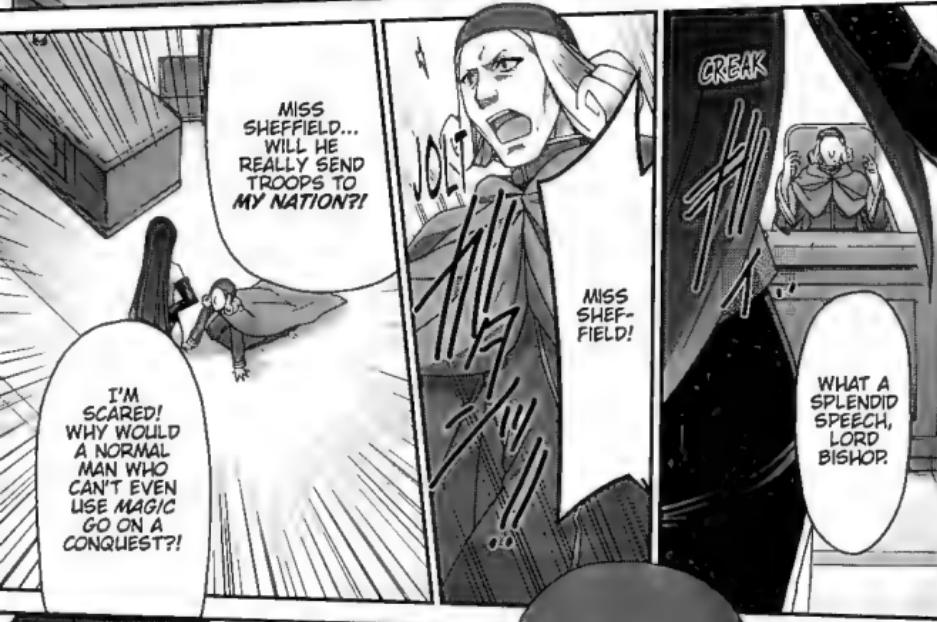
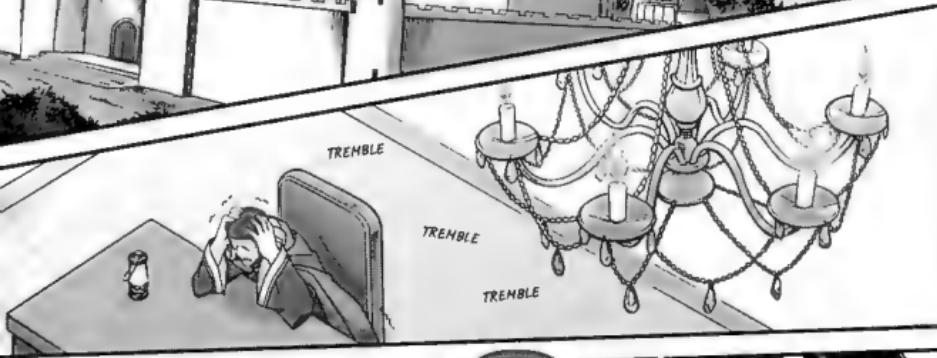


The strength of Gandalfr depends on the fire in your heart.









GROW  
UP!

GR...

EEP!

STUMBLE

TREMBLE

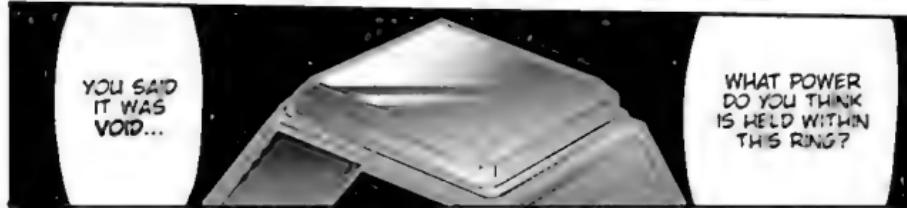
TREMBLE

TREMBLE

ANDVARI'S  
RING.

"YOUR  
NATION"?  
YOUR  
SUPPOSED  
PLOT OF  
LAND IS  
BARELY FIFTY  
SANTS IN ANY  
DIRECTION.

F-FORGIVE  
ME!



A MATERIALIZATION  
OF THE POWER  
OF WATER...  
CREATED WHEN  
POWERFUL MAGIC  
IS CONDENSED. A  
SECRET PROCESS  
PROTECTED BY  
THE SPIRIT OF  
WATER.

GLOW

GLEAM

WITH THE  
MANY  
POWERS  
OF THIS  
RING...

ROUISING  
A CORPSE  
IS A  
SIMPLE  
TASK.



Chapter 20: Cease-fire











I CAN REPORT MY MILITARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO MY FATHER... AND EVERYONE!

ONCE THIS WAR IS OVER AND PEACE IS RESTORED...

THAT IDIOT GUICHE IS GETTING A MEDAL? AND HIS 'ELDER BROTHER' IS EVEN CONGRATULATING HIM

BLA

BUT IF I WANT TO DO THAT, I CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE A SINGLE MISTAKE. AND YET...

CLAP

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CLAP

GLANCE

COME ON, PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, YOU DOLT!



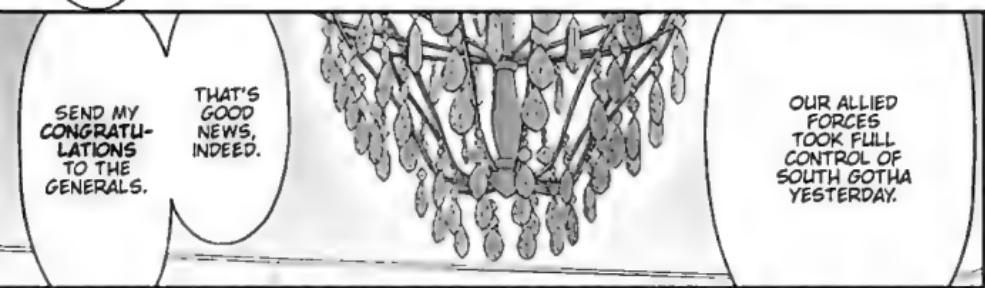
TRISTAN'S  
CAPITAL:  
TRISTANIA



IT'S ME,  
MARIE!

LOCK

DOOR





ABSO-  
LUTELY NOT!

WE CAN'T  
TRUST  
COWARDS  
WITH NO  
QUALMS  
ABOUT  
CAPTURING  
THE YOUTH  
OF THE  
ACADEMY OF  
MAGIC!

THAT  
WOULD  
BE  
ALMOST  
TWO  
WEEKS!

TO ASK  
FOR A  
CEASEFIRE  
THAT  
LONG?

I DIDN'T  
DEPLOY  
THAT  
MASS OF  
TROOPS  
TO SIT  
AROUND  
AND  
TWIDDLE  
THEIR  
THUMBS!

WHY DO  
YOU THINK  
I SENT  
THAT  
ENORMOUS  
FLEET?!

NO, WE  
CAN'T  
TRUST  
THEM, BUT...

YOUR  
MAJESTY, WE  
CAN'T ASK  
UNREASON-  
ABLE THINGS  
OF OUR  
SOLDIERS--

WHY  
DO YOU  
THINK  
I SENT  
OUR  
TRUMP  
CARD?!

IN THAT  
CASE,  
I WANT  
LONDINILUM  
CAPTURED  
THIS  
INSTANT!

WE CAN'T  
MOVE  
WHILE WE  
TRANSPORT  
PROVISIONS.

THE  
PENTECOST IS  
HALKEGINIA'S  
BIGGEST  
FESTIVAL. IT  
STARTS ON  
THE FIRST OF  
THE NEW YEAR  
AND LASTS  
FOR TEN  
DAYS...











THEN  
MAYBE  
PUSH ME  
DOWN...

WILL HE  
ASSAULT  
ME?!

UH-OH!  
HE'S  
GOING  
TO YELL  
AT ME NOW!

BA-DUMP BA-DUMP BA-DUMP  
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP BA-DUMP

FOR A  
WALK.

W-WAIT!

WHERE  
ARE  
YOU  
GOING?!

# CHAK



HE'S  
JUST  
MOPING  
AROUND  
LIKE A  
MEEK  
LITTLE--

HUH?!

OH,  
PLEASE...  
IT'S  
ALL HIS  
FAULT!

You're a cold  
woman,  
y'know  
that?

HOW  
SHOULD  
I  
KNOW?

And who  
made my  
partner like  
that, huh?



He's  
convinced  
you dumped  
him.

Lemme  
fill you  
in.

What about those other girls?

CLINK

To turn 'round and say he was just bein' a loyal dog... The poor guy.

My partner gave up on his plan to head East to stick around here with you! He even told you he loves you!

BUT HE'S BEEN... SO DISTANT WITH ME.

AND THOSE OTHER GIRLS...

HE IGNORES ME.



Jeez. She's takin' this hard.

Now it's your turn to bend for him.

CLINK

Believe me—he's a one-woman guy.

CLINK

CLINK

CLINK

F-  
FINE!

CLINK

Fair  
enough.  
How's  
about  
this...

I'LL GO  
APOLOGIZE  
TO HIM!

BUT STOP  
LECTURING  
ME AND  
JUST TELL  
ME WHAT  
TO SAY!

I DOUBT  
LOUISE  
WANTS ME  
AROUND  
WHEN I'M  
LIKE THIS,  
ANYWAY.

ALL RIGHT.  
THIS  
TIME I'M  
DEFINITELY  
GOING  
EAST.

MR.  
SAITO!

SIES  
TIA!

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Ets YU

RANKA

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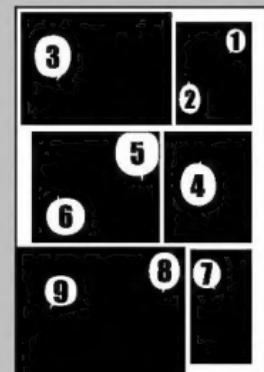
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